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REQUEST BY THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE FOR A REVIEW OF RECORDS CONCERNING ANY
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE
INTERNATIONAL (BCCI) AND FBI FOREIGN COUNTER-
INTELLIGENCE AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Senator David L. Boren to Director Sessions, dated 8/5/91, and list of personnel.

PURPOSE: This memorandum will serve to define the scope of captioned inquiry; set forth procedures for the data search, analysis, and reporting; and establish coordination between the Inspection Division (INSD), the Criminal Investigative Division (CID), and the Intelligence Division (INTD).

DETAILS: The U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, chaired by Senator Boren, directed a letter to Director Sessions, dated 8/5/91, advising that the Committee had tasked its Audit and Investigations Staff to conduct an investigation concerning operational or intelligence relationships between the U.S. Intelligence Community and the BCCI.

The letter requested Committee access to FBI documentation and requested the assistance of the Assistant Director, INSD.

On 8/13/91, Committee Staff Representative John Elliff met at the FBI with you, Assistant Director Delbert C. Toohey, [redacted] of the Congressional Affairs Office, and myself to discuss the captioned review.

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Mr. Elliff advised that the Committee requests information subject to the following criteria:

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- 1 - Mr. [redacted] - Enclosure
1 - Mr. [redacted] - Enclosure
1 - Mr. [redacted] (Attn: Mr. [redacted]) - Enclosure
1 - Mr. [redacted] (Attn: Mr. [redacted]) - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Toohey (Attn: Mr. [redacted]) - Enclosure

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Re: Request by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for a Review of Records Concerning any Relationship Between the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) and FBI Foreign Counter-intelligence and International Terrorism Investigations

(1) The records subject to this review are only those pertaining to Foreign Counterintelligence and International Terrorism.

(2) Records concerning the BCCI and its principals delineated in the enclosed principals list will be reviewed to determine if the FBI developed information concerning these persons or entities, what subsequent investigation by the FBI ensued, and note any dissemination to other intelligence agencies of such information. Investigation or subsequent dissemination of information received by the FBI from other intelligence agencies will be similarly reviewed.

(3) U.S. Persons are not to be the focus of this review except in instances where they may be in contact with, or associates of, foreign intelligence services or international terrorist organizations.

(4) The FBI will determine if and to what extent it had a relationship with BCCI or any of its principals in support of undercover, counterintelligence, or counterterrorism operations.

The White-Collar Crimes (WCC) Section, CID, is conducting an exhaustive review of field and FBIHQ files concerning the BCCI and its principals in support of the pending criminal investigation and to respond to a separate Congressional inquiry. The INSD inquiry will be coordinated with CID and INTD to ensure completeness and accuracy and to preclude jeopardizing any aspects of the criminal investigation. Unit Chief [redacted]

[redacted] CID, will serve as that division's point of contact, and Unit Chief [redacted] will serve as the point of contact of the INTD.

Anticipated Procedures

The WCC Section, CID, conducted a field/Legat survey covering all but five of the entities and persons named in this inquiry. The data extractions covering the appropriate counterintelligence and counterterrorism field files will be reviewed by the INSD and files reexamined as necessary.

In addition, the INSD will employ the following procedures in coordination with CID:

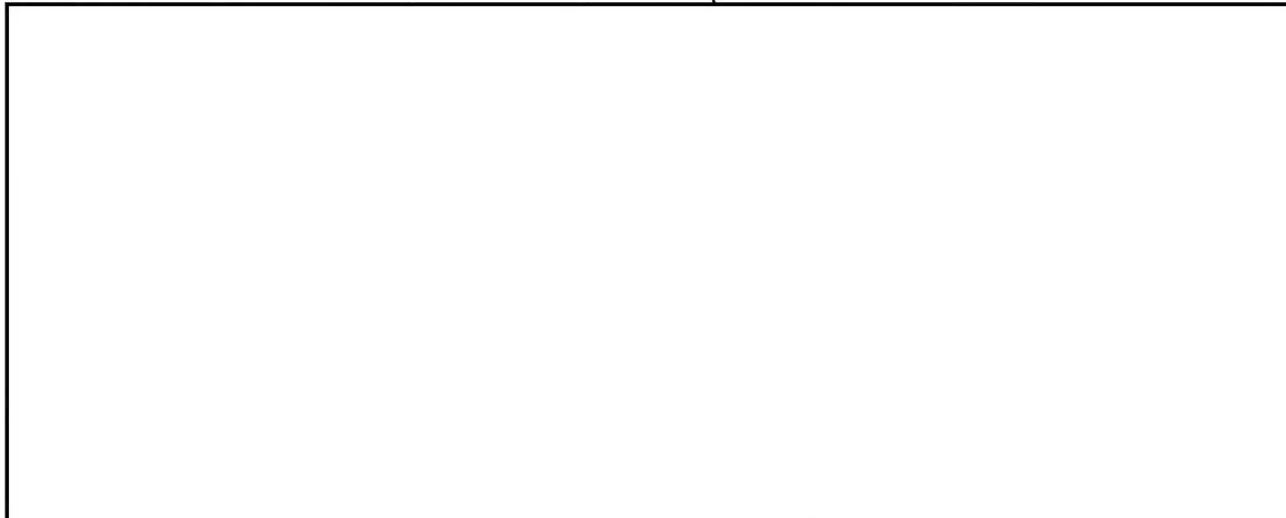
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Memorandum from [redacted]

to [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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August 5, 1991

The Honorable William S. Sessions
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

The Committee has tasked our audit and investigations staff to conduct an investigation of intelligence or operational relationships between the U.S. intelligence community and the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI). This review is prompted by recent media reports regarding such intelligence community relationships with BCCI and/or its principals (e.g., officers, stockholders, directors, senior managers, consultants).

It is our intention to have the staff systematically review all aspects of FBI intelligence or operational relationships with BCCI, including financial aspects of operational activities, which are within the Committee's oversight responsibility. We ask your cooperation in providing us access to the appropriate FBI documentation which will reflect the nature and extent of any FBI/BCCI relationship that may be within the scope of our inquiry. We will also want to interview any FBI personnel who have been directly involved in such an intelligence or operational relationship with BCCI. We request the assistance of the Assistant Director for the Inspection Division in obtaining this information.

We hope that, as usual, our staffs can work cooperatively to balance security concerns with our needs to have sufficient access to do the job. The point of contact on the Committee staff is [redacted]
[redacted] our audit staff.

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Sincerely,

David L. Boren
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Chairman

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